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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15, 19 and 21-24 remain in the present application, of which claims 1, 7, 13 and 21 are independent. Claims 1, 7, 13 and 21 have been amended herein. Applicants respectfully request reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-15, 19 and 21-24.

Applicants appreciate the time and courtesy extended by the Examiner to applicants' attorney during the telephone interview of August 4, 2003. During the interview, proposed amendments to the claims have been discussed. The Examiner advised that further examination will require new consideration in view of the amendments. Applicants' attorney agreed to file an RCE for further examination.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15, 19 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious on various different grounds over various different combinations of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,515,077 ("Tateyama"), 5,467,144 ("Saeger et al."), 6,353,460 ("Sokawa et al."), 5,907,635 ("Numata") and 5,982,425 ("Allen et al.").

In an exemplary embodiment according to the present invention, a data packet that includes a field for a blank start pixel value, which indicates a number of pixels to be blanked out, is received. Then, one or more pixels at a beginning of a portion of graphics data are blanked out in accordance with the blank start pixel value by placing a read pointer at a location after said one or more pixels.

In another exemplary embodiment according to the present invention is provided a window controller for transmitting a

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data packet to the display engine, the data packet including a field for a blank start pixel value, which indicates a number of pixels to be blanked out. The display engine is capable of selectively blanking out one or more pixels from a portion of the raw graphics data in accordance with the blank start pixel value by placing a read pointer at a first non-blanked out pixel after said one or more pixels and within said portion.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,515,077 ("Tateyama"), 5,467,144 ("Saeger et al."), 6,353,460 ("Sokawa et al."), 5,907,635 ("Numata") and 5,982,425 ("Allen et al.") or any other cited reference, either individually or in any combination, teach or suggest such method or apparatus for blanking out one or more pixels in accordance with the blank start pixel value to horizontally scroll a display window.

In view of foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-15, 19, 21-24 and an early issuance of a patent. Further, applicants respectfully request a telephone interview prior to issuance of a further communication from the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,
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